

Holyoke Heritage State Park

Massachusetts Department of Conservation and Recreation

Massachusetts August 2021 Programs



All programs are **free**, open to the public, and **meet at the Visitor Center** unless otherwise noted. All children must be accompanied by an adult. Reasonable accommodations available upon request. Please follow all current COVID guidelines. Visit Mass.gov/COVID for more guidance. For more information call (413) 534-1723.

TUESDAY THROUGH SUNDAY, YEAR-ROUND VISITOR CENTER, 12:00pm—4:00pm

Located at 221 Appleton Street in Holyoke. Free admission. Exhibits depict Holyoke's affluent industrial mill era. Park information, restrooms, drinking water, wheelchair accessible. Guided tours available with advance notice.

WEDNESDAYS

WILDLIFE WATCHING, 10:00am

For junior scientists ages 7 and older and their families. Follow, observe and document animal behavior. Interpreter-guided study of birds, squirrels, insects and other urban wildlife. Topics vary weekly. 1-hour duration.

THURSDAYS & FRIDAYS

MINDFUL MOMENTS, 12:15pm

For adults. Take a lunch break to refresh and relax amid the verdant park foliage. A guided mindful outdoor experience. Slow stroll on and off sidewalks. **Meet at the picnic table** opposite Merry-Go-Round, near Appleton Street parking lot. 30-minute duration.

SATURDAYS

FAMILY NATURE PROGRAMS, 9:30am

Which trees make the best baseball bats? Why are crabapple trees so splotchy? Can you imitate a robin's song? Join the interpreter for an easy stroll to learn fascinating secrets about the park's natural world. Bring your curiosity. 30-minute duration.

LAST FRIDAY OF THE **MONTH** August 27

SPECIAL TOUR: HOLYOKE—THE <u>WATER</u> CITY, 9:00am

Water has powered Holyoke throughout its history and continues today. Exhibit-based introduction and leisurely 1/4 mile canal walk concludes at Open Square, a former textile mill, where canals still service businesses. 2-hour duration. Limited to 20 participants. **Registration required**, call 413-534-1723.

TUESDAYS & MOST FRIDAYS

CURIOSITY CART, 1-3pm

Examine mill artifacts or play the mimicry game. See how the Holyoke Canals work, or guess how long it takes materials to decompose. Find the CART by the park's Splash Pad.

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